

Information Requested on Sino-American Cooperative Association (SACO) and Flying Tigers Meteorological Operations during World War II

Aloha Gary [NWSA webmaster and former Aerograph editor],

I did a total re-check of all 6 sources (source 7 is a new addition). SAMPAN SAILOR is an interesting book and has SINKS mentioned 6X, apparently, he was an excellent singer, and Mastenbrook 3X. Unfortunately, no new AerM names were revealed.

During the re-check I found many additional names in the Frank Bailey material (source 5) that I had not run through the NARA SACO record checks.

This time I did find AerM1 Bleclie! Perhaps I was spelling his name incorrectly the first time I tried?

It is possible there are additional AerMs that have not turned up. There were many SACO people still in India when the war ended who were awaiting transport to China. This was due to the old Army vs. Navy feud and Army controlled seats on the Army Air Forces flights and held Navy folks back. This despite the fact SACOs RADM Miles bought and operated the Oxygen plant in India that was the sole source for Ox the AAC aircraft had to have to fly the "Hump."

One wonders how many months sooner WWII would have ended had Army & Navy cooperated on every front instead of feuding on most fronts?

It is possible one of our NWSA members or readers may know of additional SACO Met personnel.

Gary, have we ever had any articles on the Navy Fleet Weather Centrals in Maritime Siberia, USSR during WWII? There were two, Khabarovsk (18 Officers, 42 Enlisted, CO CAPT A.A. Cumberledge & Petropavlosk, 8 Os & 24 Es, CO CDR C.J. McGregor.

I bet NO one in NavMet&OceanCom has a clue there were FWCs in Siberia during & after WWII!!

I recently received a packet of SACO stuff from Tom Hanagan with some interesting articles including 5 pages on AGC Fluornoy. Again, no new SACO AerMs names were revealed. Thanks again Tom!

Aloha

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